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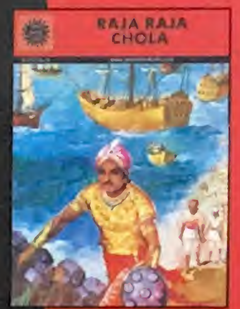

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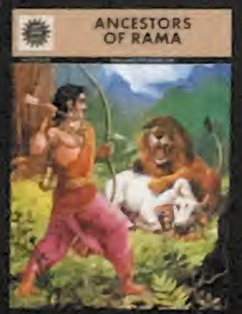

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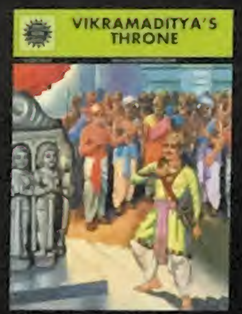

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THREE TRADE ROUTES, CONNECTING THE EAST WITH THE WEST, MET AT CONSTANTINOPLE* MAKING IT THE MAJOR TRADE CENTRE OF THE TIMES. ARAB MERCHANTS BROUGHT MERCHANDISE FROM INDIA AND THE FAR EAST AND SOLD IT TO EUROPEAN TRADERS AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

FROM CONSTANTINOPLE THESE TRADERS TOOK THE MERCHANDISE BY SHIPS TO VENICE...

...AND FROM THERE TO OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE.

SO WHEN CONSTANTINOPLE WAS TAKEN BY THE TURKS, IN 1453, FREE PASSAGE OF INDIAN GOODS WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE.

THE TURKS DEMAND EXORBITANT TAXES!

AND EVEN IF WE PAY, MARAUDERS ATTACK US ON LAND, AND PIRATES ON THE SEA!

* NOW ISTANBUL

AT VENICE—

ANY NEWS OF YOUR SHIPS, ANTONIO?

NO, MY FRIEND. THEY HAVE BEEN AWAY TOO LONG. I FEAR ALL IS NOT WELL.

LOOK! A SHIP SAILING IN!

NOT ONE OF MINE— BUT IT MIGHT BRING NEWS.

MASTER!

WHAT NEWS, LUGLIO?

THE TURKS FELL ON US OFF CONSTANTINOPLE AND CAPTURED THE ENTIRE FLEET, MASTER. WE ESCAPED.

ALL MY SHIPS GONE! HEAVEN SAVE ME! I AM RUINED, UTTERLY RUINED.

THE GREATLY PRIZED GOODS FROM INDIA WERE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE MARKETS OF EUROPE AS BEFORE.

EVERY DISH IS FLAT! ABSOLUTELY TASTELESS!

WHAT CAN I DO? HOW CAN I MAKE A MEAL TASTY WITHOUT SPICES?

EUROPEANS WERE MAKING EFFORTS TO DISCOVER A SEA ROUTE TO INDIA. PRINCE HENRY, "THE NAVIGATOR" (1420-1460) OF PORTUGAL HAD ALREADY ORGANIZED MANY EXPEDITIONS SOUTHWARDS, AND INSPIRED NEW DISCOVERIES BY FOUNDING A SCHOOL OF GEOGRAPHY AND NAVIGATION.

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, WE ARE STILL ON THE AFRICAN COAST, SEÑOR PERESTRELLO! SLAVES ARE ALL THAT WE HAVE GOT OUT OF IT! WE HAVE TO REACH THE INDIES!

BUT CAN WE REACH THE INDIES BY GOING SOUTH?

I AM SURE WE CAN!

PRINCE HENRY ENCOURAGED HIS MEN TO IMPROVE THE DESIGNS OF THE SHIPS AND THE TOOLS FOR NAVIGATION.

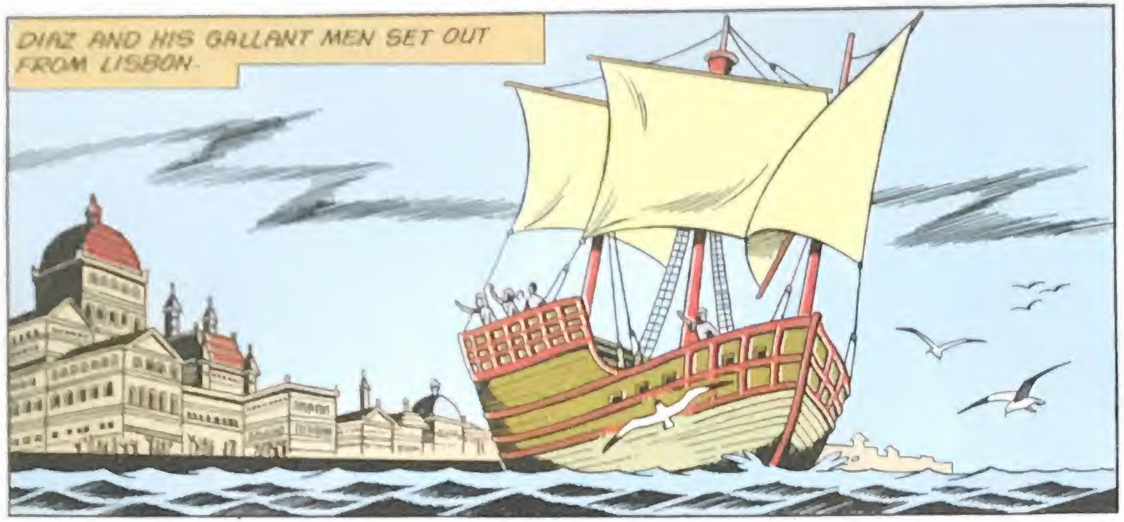
AFTER PRINCE HENRY, KING JOHN II OF PORTUGAL TOOK UP THE UNFINISHED TASK.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR NEW SHIP, BARTOLOMEU?

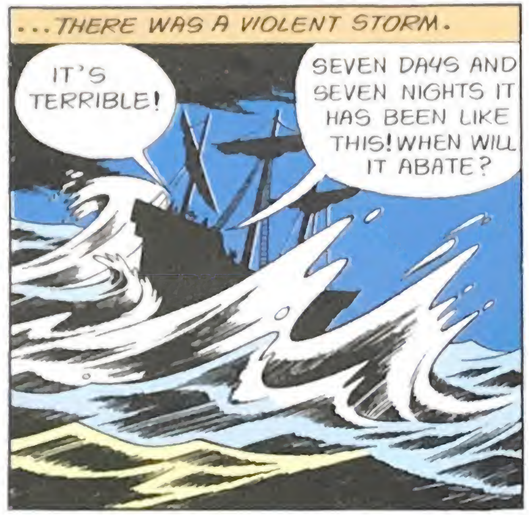
IT IS A WONDER INDEED, SIRE. IT HOLDS THRICE AS MUCH AS THE GALLEYS OF OLD!

FIND A ROUTE TO INDIA, DIAZ! THAT WILL BE OUR GREATEST VICTORY. IT WILL TURN THE TURKISH VICTORIES TO SALT!

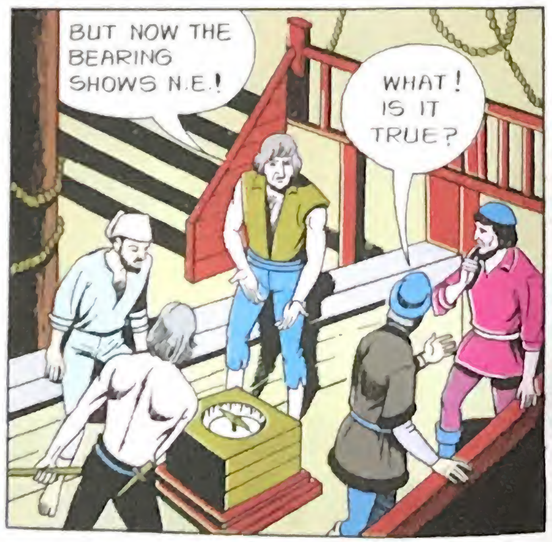
I WILL TRY, SIRE.

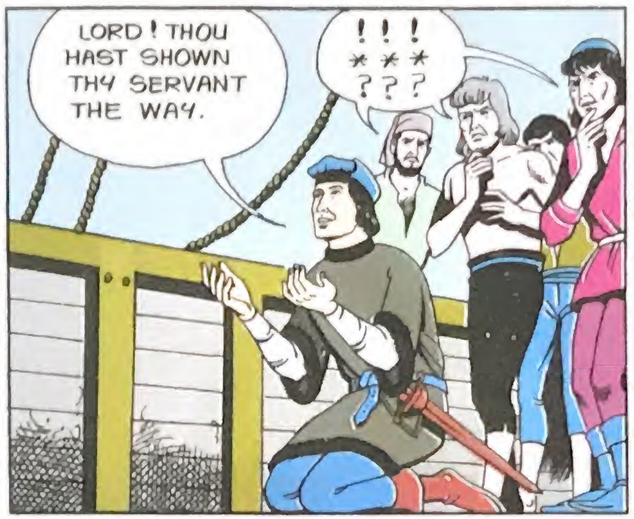

DIAZ AND HIS GALLANT MEN SET OUT FROM LISBON.

AFTER MANY DAYS AT SEA...


...THERE WAS A VIOLENT STORM.
IT'S TERRIBLE!
SEVEN DAYS AND SEVEN NIGHTS IT HAS BEEN LIKE THIS! WHEN WILL IT ABATE?

WHEN AT LAST IT CLEARED—
PRAISE BE TO THE LORD! WE ARE NOT LOST! THERE — THE COAST TO OUR LEFT, AS BEFORE.


BUT NOW THE BEARING SHOWS N.E.!
WHAT! IS IT TRUE?


LORD! THOU HAST SHOWN THY SERVANT THE WAY.
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WE HAVE ROUNDED THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IN THE STORM WITHOUT KNOWING IT, MY FRIENDS!

BEFORE THE STORM WE WERE HERE.

NOW, WE ARE HERE.

AND THERE TO THE EAST, ACROSS THOSE WATERS, LIES INDIA OUR DREAM!

BUT AS THEY PROCEEDED THEY WERE CAUGHT IN VIOLENT STORMS.

WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH TOSSING ABOUT, CAP'N. LET'S TURN BACK — OR NONE WILL RETURN ALIVE.

TURN BACK?

HE'S RIGHT. THE DISCOVERY OF THIS ROUTE SHOULD REACH THE EARS OF KING JOHN AND NOT SINK WITH US IN A STORM. THE INDIES CAN WAIT.

ON THE WAY BACK—

THERE! THE SOUTHERN-MOST TIP OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. I WILL NAME IT THE CAPE OF STORMS!

DIAZ FINALLY RETURNED TO LISBON.

THERE IS INDEED A PASSAGE TO INDIA, SIRE, ONCE YOU GO ROUND THE CAPE OF STORMS.

CAPE OF STORMS? NO! BEYOND IT LIES HOPE FOR OUR NATION.

SO IT SHALL BE CALLED THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE!

BUT FAMINE IN THE LAND AND HIS ILL HEALTH DID NOT PERMIT KING JOHN TO PROCEED FURTHER TO OPEN UP THE SEA PASSAGE. IN THE MEANTIME...

...CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, A SPANISH SAILOR HAD ACCESS TO THE SECRET MAPS AND CHARTS PREPARED BY PRINCE HENRY.

AMONG THE PAPERS, HE CAME ACROSS THE WRITINGS OF PAOLO TOSCANELLI, A LEARNED MAP-MAKER.

YES. WHAT PAOLO WRITES MAKES SENSE. THE EARTH IS ROUND. YOU COULD REACH A PLACE IN THE EAST BY GOING WEST— BY GOING ROUND THE WORLD!

COLUMBUS APPROACHED KING JOHN OF PORTUGAL.

THE DIRECT WAY TO INDIA LIES WEST, SIRE. GIVE ME A CHANCE AND I SHALL BRING IT TO YOU ON A PLATTER!

I AM NOT SO SURE, COLUMBUS. OUR COUNCIL HAS EXAMINED THE PROPOSAL. IT IS NOT WORTH THE RISK.

THE KING OF PORTUGAL HAD HIS OWN PLANS OF SENDING AN EXPEDITION VIA THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

MEANWHILE COLUMBUS TRIED TO INTEREST THE KINGS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO LAUNCH AN EXPEDITION. FINALLY, HE SUCCEEDED WITH HIS OWN KING, FERDINAND OF SPAIN.

WE AGREE TO SUPPORT YOUR EXPEDITION, COLUMBUS. FIT OUT YOUR SHIPS AND START ON YOUR VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY FOR THE GLORY OF SPAIN!

AFTER MANY WEEKS AT SEA —

LAND AHOY!

LAND!

COLUMBUS BELIEVED HE HAD LANDED IN THE INDIES (AND HELD TO THIS VIEW TILL HIS DEATH). BUT THE TERRITORY HE HAD DISCOVERED WAS ACTUALLY WHAT WE KNOW TODAY AS THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS.

ANOTHER SAILOR WHO TRIED TO FIND A SEA ROUTE TO ASIA WAS JOHN CABBOT. HE WAS AIDED BY THE BRITISH MERCHANTS.

THE LAND HE DISCOVERED IN 1497 TURNED OUT TO BE NORTH AMERICA.

EMMANUEL, WHO SUCCEEDED KING JOHN TO THE THRONE OF PORTUGAL IN 1495, IMMEDIATELY TOOK UP THE SEARCH FOR THE SEA ROUTE AROUND THE CAPE. HE GAVE THE TASK TO VASCO DA GAMA.

BARTOLOMEU DIAZ HAS FOUND THE WAY, VASCO. FOLLOW IN HIS WAKE AND BRING BACK THE PRIZE FOR PORTUGAL. SPICES FROM THE INDIES WILL MAKE US THE RICHEST IN ALL EUROPE.

FOR ME, A SAILOR, THERE IS THE THRILL OF ADVENTURE— SEEKING WHAT NONE ELSE HAS FOUND!

YOU WILL SERVE THE LORD, TOO, BY BRINGING THE HEATHENS UNDER HIS CHRISTIAN YOKE.

THE CATHOLIC NATIONS WERE EAGER TO CONVERT OTHERS TO THEIR RELIGION, EVEN BY FORCE. VASCO WAS AN ADVENTURER, BUT THE MISSIONARY ZEAL ALSO BURNED BRIGHT IN HIS BOSOM.

THE CREW RECEIVED BLESSINGS FROM THE CARDINAL...

...AND ENTERED THE SHIP IN PROCESSION.

VASCO DA GAMA SET SAIL IN JULY 1497 WITH FOUR SHIPS AND 170 MEN.

WHEN THEY WERE A FEW WEEKS OUT AT SEA, ILLNESS STRUCK.

WATER! MY BODY IS ON FIRE!

SPOTS ALL OVER HIS BODY. IT IS THE DREADED SCOURGE, SCURVY! GOD SAVE US.

MANY LIVES WERE LOST.

AS THEY ROUNDED THE CAPE THEY WERE BUFFETED BY A STORM. THE SAILORS WERE DISHEARTENED.

WE WILL TURN BACK!

TURN BACK? THAT IS MUTINY! ANYONE WHO SAYS THAT AGAIN WILL BE THROWN OVERBOARD!

VASCO DA GAMA WAS ABLE TO CONTROL HIS MEN.

AT MELINDE, OFF THE EAST COAST OF AFRICA, VASCO DA GAMA SOUGHT THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE RULING CHIEF.

WE WISH TO SAIL EAST, TO INDIA.

I KNOW A SAILOR FROM THAT LAND WHO WILL GUIDE YOU TO INDIA.

THUS VASCO DA GAMA WAS ABLE TO SECURE THE SERVICE OF A PILOT.

HAVE YOU SAILED OFTEN IN THESE WATERS? DO KNOW THEM WELL?

CERTAINLY. LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND! HUNDREDS OF SHIPS SAIL FROM HERE TO INDIA, LANKA AND THE ISLANDS BEYOND.

WITH THE GUIDANCE OF THE EXPERIENCED PILOT, DA GAMA'S FLEET SOON TOUCHED INDIAN SHORES.

THERE LIES INDIA! WE HAVE REACHED THE PORT OF KOZHIKODE*

KOZHIKODE? IS THAT A BIG CITY? LIKE LISBON?

IT WAS THE YEAR 1498.

* CALICUT

IT IS SAID IN FUN THAT WHEN THE KOZHI* CROWS AT ONE END OF KOZHIKODE, IT CAN BE HEARD AT THE OTHER!

WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THE NATIVE RULER?

THE ZAMORIN? HE IS FAIR AND TREATS EVERY-ONE EQUALLY. FOR TRADE, THERE IS NO PLACE MORE FAVOURABLE THAN KOZHIKODE.

SHIPS FROM ALL OVER COME TO KOZHIKODE AND THE TRADE IS ALWAYS BRISK.

THIS VOYAGE PROMISES TO BE A GRAND SUCCESS! I WILL SEND MY MEN TO THE ZAMORIN AND SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH HIM.

VASCO DA GAMA SENT TWO OF HIS MEN TO THE ZAMORIN. THEY CAME BACK WITH A MESSAGE FROM THE RULER.

THE ZAMORIN WILL RECEIVE YOU AT HIS PALACE IN KOZHIKODE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING HIM.

* FOWL

ON THE SUGGESTION OF THE ZAMORIN, VASCO DA GAMA SAILED FOR PANTALAYINI WHERE HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE KOTWAL.

THE ZAMORIN SENDS HIS COMPLIMENTS. WORTHY SIRS, AND BIDS YOU ACCEPT HIS GIFTS!

VASCO DA GAMA AND HIS PARTY LEFT FOR THE ZAMORIN'S PALACE.

THEY WILL NOT BELIEVE US IF WE TELL THEM AT HOME ABOUT THE GRAND WELCOME WE HAVE RECEIVED!

THE PROCESSION APPROACHED A RIVER. VASCO DA GAMA WAS CARRIED TO A WAITING BOAT.

PART OF HIS JOURNEY TO THE PALACE WAS BY BOAT...

...AND THE REST BY LAND. ON THE WAY—

WHAT COULD THAT BE— A NATIVE CHAPEL?

DA GAMA HALTED THE PROCESSION AND ENTERED THE 'CHAPEL' TO PRAY.

HE CAME OUT SHOCKED BY WHAT HE SAW IN THERE.

IF THOSE ARE CHRISTIAN PRACTICES, THEY HAVE DEGENERATED A GREAT DEAL!

WHAT HE HAD ENTERED WAS A TEMPLE!

AT LAST HE ARRIVED AT THE PALACE.

THE ZAMORIN RECEIVED HIM IN HIS ASSEMBLY HALL. THE PORTUGUESE VISITOR STOOPED AND BOWED THREE TIMES, LIFTING HIS HANDS IN SALUTATION.

THE ZAMORIN THEN HELD TALKS WITH VASCO DA GAMA IN HIS PRIVATE CHAMBERS.

LATER DA GAMA LEFT FOR HIS LODGINGS.

THE ARABS IN KOZHIKODE WHO CONTROLLED FOREIGN TRADE RESENTED THE COMING OF THE PORTUGUESE.

THESE NEWCOMERS COULD GIVE US STIFF COMPETITION.

WE MUST NOT ALLOW THEM TO TRADE HERE.

THE NEXT DAY VASCO DA GAMA SENT THE ZAMORIN SOME GIFTS.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE HAS SENT? HATS, CORALS, HONEY AND SUGAR!

NO SILVER? NO GOLD?

THE ARABS CALLED ON THE ZAMORIN.

THE GIFTS HE HAS BROUGHT ARE UNWORTHY OF THE KING WHO, HE SAYS, SENT HIM HERE AND OF THE KING TO WHOM THEY ARE OFFERED.

HE CANNOT BE AN ENVOY OF A KING. HE APPEARS TO BE A PIRATE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN. I WILL TALK TO THE VISITOR AND ASK HIM TO PROVE HIS BONAFIDES.

VASCO DA GAMA PRODUCED A LETTER FROM THE PORTUGUESE KING. THE ZAMORIN WAS SATISFIED AND HE PERMITTED DA GAMA TO TRADE.

CHILDREN CAME TO SEE THE SHIP AND THE STRANGE, WHITE-SKINNED FIRANGEES FROM CLOSE RANGE.

PEOPLE HAVE NO DOUBT TAKEN A LIKING TO US. BUT THE TRADE IS NOT BRISK.

AND IT'S TIME FOR US TO SET SAIL HOMEWARDS.

I WANT YOU TO CALL ON THE ZAMORIN WITH SOME GIFTS AND GIVE HIM A MESSAGE. TAKE A FEW MEN WITH YOU.

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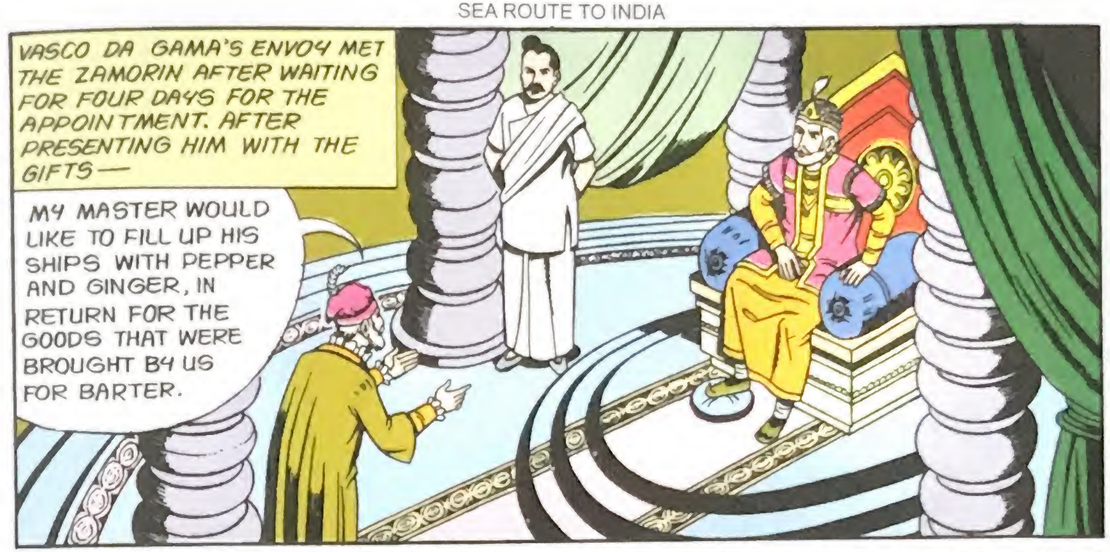
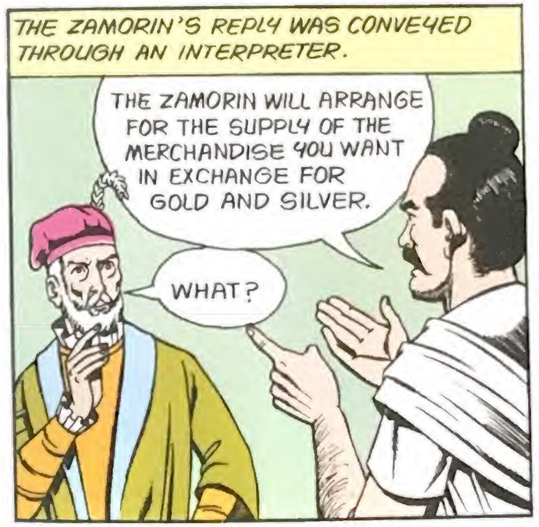




THE FOLLOWING DAY——

THE FIRANGEES HAVE TAKEN A BOAT-LOAD OF OUR PEOPLE AS CAPTIVES, O ZAMORIN.

THE THIEVES!

RELEASE THEIR MEN, AND SEND WORD TO THE FIRANGEES TO RETURN THE CAPTIVES.

LATER—

HAVE THEY RETURNED OUR MEN?

ALL BUT FIVE, ZAMORIN.

THEY HAVE TAKEN FIVE OF OUR MEN AND —SAILED AWAY!

GIVE THEM CHASE.

BUT PORTUGUESE FIRE KEPT THE ZAMORIN'S VESSELS AT BAY, AS THE FLEET SAILED AWAY.

THEY ARE GONE. BUT THEY WILL COME AGAIN. THEN I WILL HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL.

CABRAL WON OVER THE NEW ZAMORIN BY SETTING FREE THE MEN VASCO DA GAMA HAD TAKEN AS HOSTAGES. LATER CABRAL CALLED ON THE ZAMORIN.

THE KING OF PORTUGAL WISHES TO CULTIVATE TRADE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU.

THESE ARE A FEW GIFTS FROM HIS MAJESTY— A TOKEN OF HIS FRIENDSHIP.

TRADE WITH THESE FIRANGEES WILL BRING US GOOD REVENUE.

WE WISH TO ESTABLISH A FACTORY IN CALICUT.

THE ZAMORIN READILY GAVE HIS PERMISSION AND DIRECTED ONE KOYA PAKKI, TO HELP CABRAL IN HIS DEALINGS ...

...BUT, THE PORTUGUESE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET ENOUGH LADING FOR THEIR SHIPS.

ZAMORIN, IN SPITE OF ALL OUR EFFORTS, NO ONE SELLS TO US. THE ARABS GET ALL THE GOODS.

THAT IS NOT FAIR! THIS IS A FREE PORT.

I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO SEARCH THE ARAB SHIPS. YOU PAY THE ARABS THE SAME PRICE THEY HAVE PAID FOR THE MERCHANDISE AND WE SHALL SEE THAT IT IS TRANSFERRED TO YOUR SHIPS!

BUT THE PORTUGUESE HAD THEIR OWN PLANS. IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT —

RAID THE SHIP! CARRY AWAY THE GOODS!

THE ARAB SHIP WAS LOOTED.

THE ARABS WERE SWIFT TO RETALIATE. THEY ATTACKED THE PORTUGUESE WAREHOUSE.

IN THE FIERCE FIGHTING WHICH FOLLOWED, THE PORTUGUESE LOST MANY LIVES.

THE NEXT DAY THE ARABS COMPLAINED TO THE ZAMORIN.

WHAT WE HAD TOLD YOU HAS COME TRUE. THE FIRANGEES ARE NOT SEA TRADERS. THEY ARE PIRATES.

THEY PLUNDERED OUR SHIPS LAST NIGHT.

I ASSURE YOU OF OUR PROTECTION. I WANT TRADE TO FLOURISH

THE ZAMORIN RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM THE PORTUGUESE TOO.

I WILL HOLD AN ENQUIRY. MEANWHILE I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO TAKE THE LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS.

THE ZAMORIN SENT HIS MEN TO THE PORTUGUESE FACTORY TO GUARD IT FROM ANY POSSIBLE ATTACK.

CABRAL HOWEVER MISUNDERSTOOD HIS INTENTIONS.

SO THE ZAMORIN SIDES WITH ARABS AND HAS SENT HIS MEN TO KEEP A WATCH ON US. HM -M-M.

CABRAL ORDERED HIS MEN TO SEIZE THE ARAB SHIPS IN THE HARBOUR.

THE ARAB SHIPS WERE RANSACKED AND SENT OUT TO SEA IN FLAMES.

THIS SAVAGE MASSACRE OF ARABS ANGERED THE LOCAL PEOPLE. THEY DESTROYED THE TRADE MART OF THE PORTUGUESE AND KILLED HALF THE PORTUGUESE ON LAND.

SO CABRAL SAILED FOR COCHIN.

I HAVE HEARD THAT THE RAJA OF COCHIN IS A SWORN ENEMY OF THE ZAMORIN. HE WILL AGREE TO BECOME OUR ALLY.

AT COCHIN —

WE COME FOR TRADE WITH YOUR COUNTRY, RAJA.

YOU ARE WELCOME.

WE WANT YOUR PERMISSION TO HAVE A TRADING CENTRE HERE. WHEN WE LEAVE, SOME OF US WILL REMAIN TO DO BUSINESS.

IT WILL BE TO OUR MUTUAL GAIN. I WELCOME THE ASSOCIATION.

AFTER A FEW DAYS —

I HAVE LEARNT THAT THE ZAMORIN IS GETTING A BIG FLEET READY TO ATTACK YOU. YOU MUST LEAVE.

THEN WE WILL SET SAIL IMMEDIATELY.

AND BEFORE THE ZAMORIN COULD ATTACK, CABRAL'S SHIPS HAD LEFT THE HARBOUR. BUT THEY STILL HAD A WAREHOUSE LEFT AT COCHIN.

PORTUGAL GAINED MUCH PROFIT FROM THE FIRST FEW VOYAGES. AND MUCH VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

INDIA IS SO FAR AWAY, VASCO, AND OUR EXPEDITIONS SAIL ONLY ONCE A YEAR. WE CANNOT HOLD OUR POSITION THIS WAY.

WE SHOULD SEND OUR SOLDIERS TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE PORTS. WITH A GARRISON STATIONED THERE, OUR POSITION IS SECURE!

WILL OUR MEN BE SAFE?

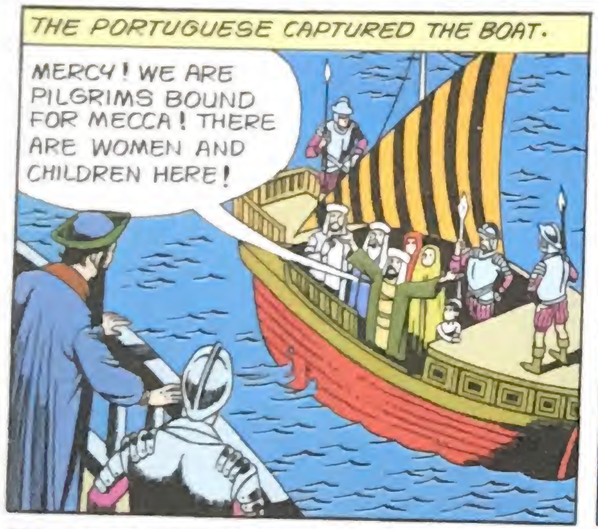
INDEED, IF THERE ARE ENOUGH OF THEM! OUR WEAPONS ARE SUPERIOR AND WE COMMAND THE SEA. ON LAND WE CAN SUCCEED BY STRIKING TERROR AMONG THE NATIVES.

ON YOUR SECOND VOYAGE YOU SHOULD ALSO PUT AN END TO THE ARAB TRADE IN INDIA.

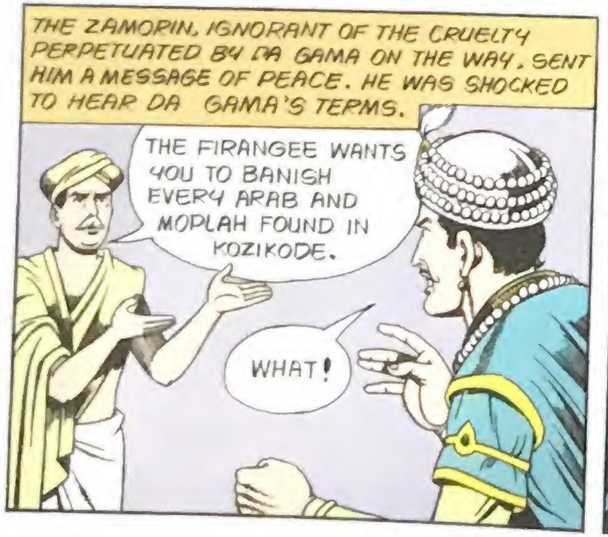
WITH A STRONG FLEET, THAT SHOULD EASILY BE DONE.

A POWERFUL FLEET WITH VASCO DA GAMA IN COMMAND SAILED IN 1502.

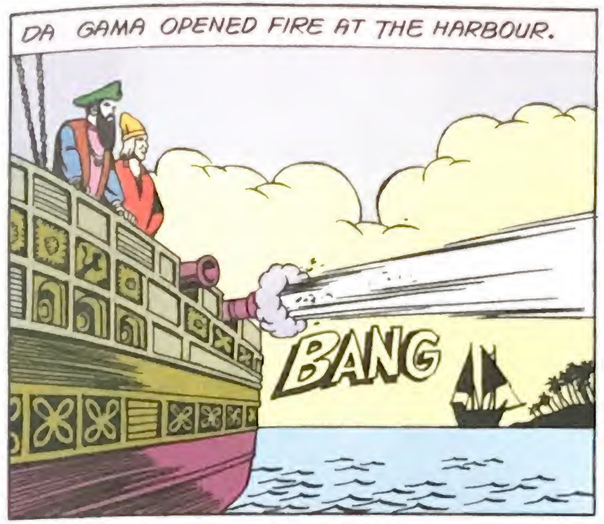
WHEN THEY NEARED CALICUT —
BOAT IN SIGHT, CAPTAIN!
ATTACK!


THE PORTUGUESE CAPTURED THE BOAT.
MERCY! WE ARE PILGRIMS BOUND FOR MECCA! THERE ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN HERE!

IGNORING THE PLEAS THEY SET FIRE TO THE BOAT.


THE ZAMORIN, IGNORANT OF THE CRUELTY PERPETUATED BY DA GAMA ON THE WAY, SENT HIM A MESSAGE OF PEACE. HE WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR DA GAMA'S TERMS.
THE FIRANGEE WANTS YOU TO BANISH EVERY ARAB AND MOPLAH FOUND IN KOZIKODE.
WHAT!

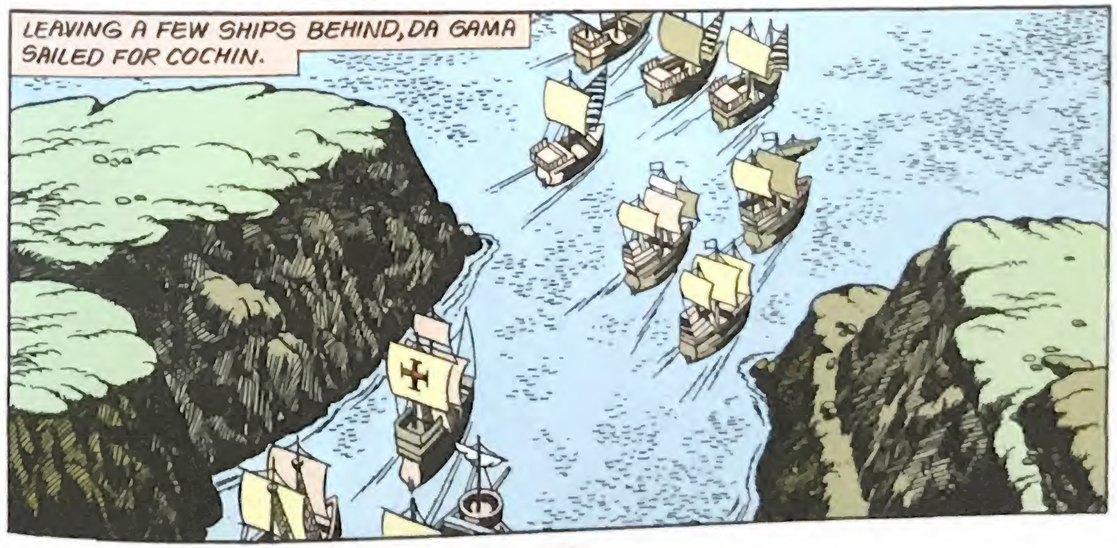
TELL HIM THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THEIR TRADE HAS FILLED OUR TREASURIES SINCE CENTURIES. I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM.


DA GAMA OPENED FIRE AT THE HARBOUR.
BANG

UNFORTUNATELY A FLEET OF VESSELS ARRIVED BRINGING RICE FROM MANGALORE.
CONFISCATE THE GOODS AND CAPTURE THE MEN.

THAT WAS A RICH HAUL.
EIGHT HUNDRED OF THEM SENT TO THEIR DOOM.

LATER —
LET'S PROCEED TO COCHIN.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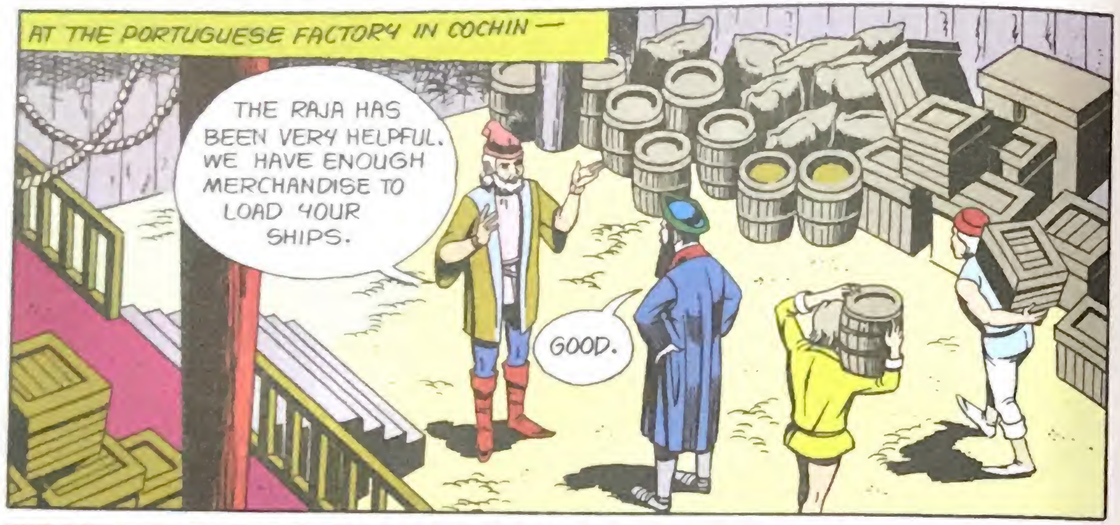
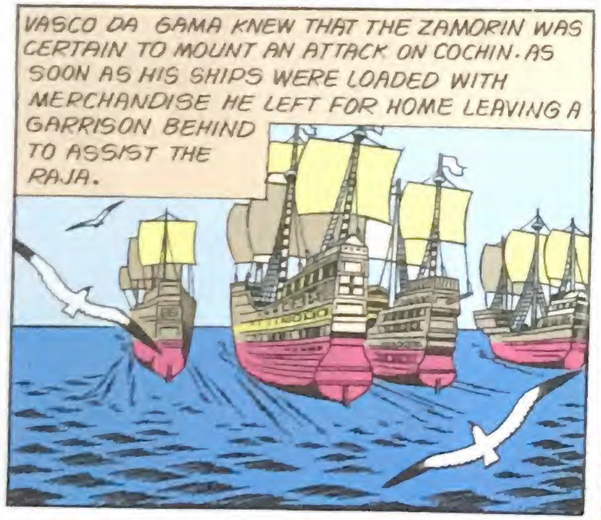
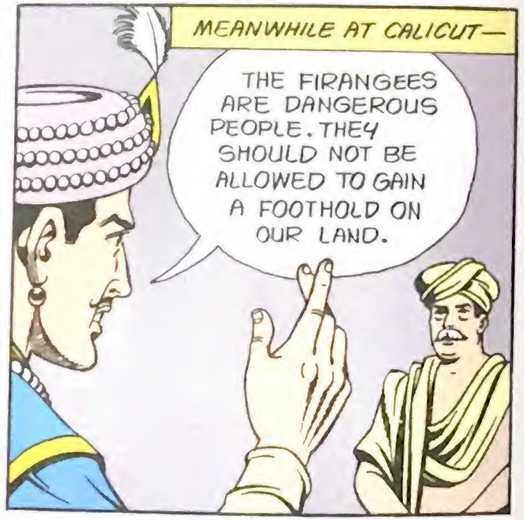
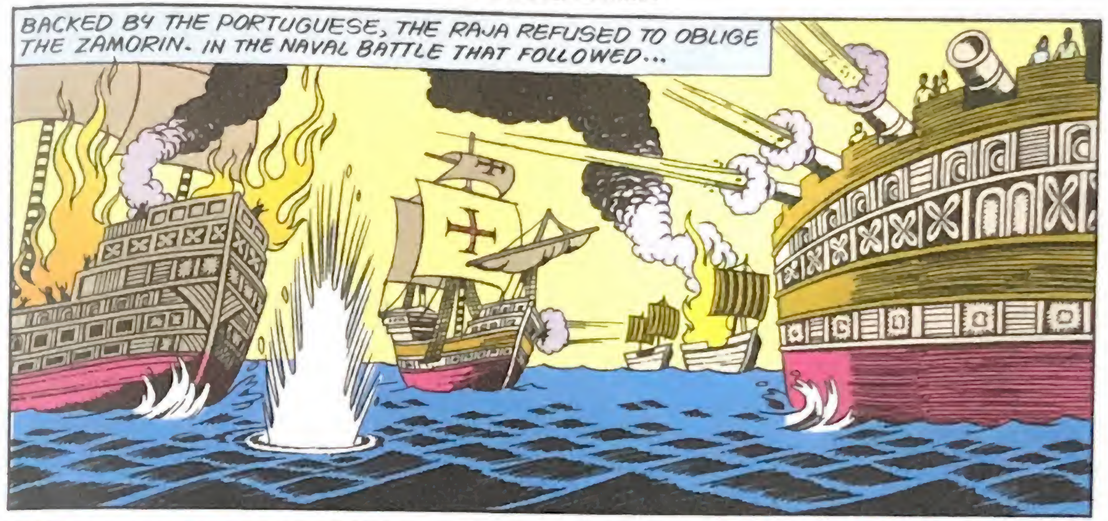

AT THE PORTUGUESE FACTORY IN COCHIN —
THE RAJA HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL. WE HAVE ENOUGH MERCHANDISE TO LOAD YOUR SHIPS.
GOOD.

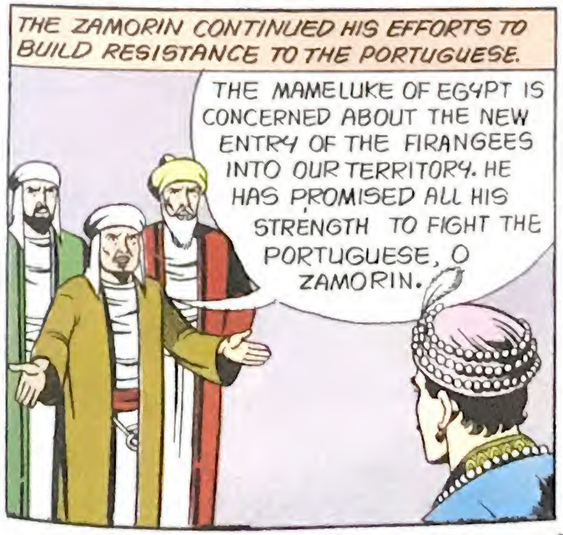

VASCO DA GAMA KNEW THAT THE ZAMORIN WAS CERTAIN TO MOUNT AN ATTACK ON COCHIN. AS SOON AS HIS SHIPS WERE LOADED WITH MERCHANDISE HE LEFT FOR HOME LEAVING A GARRISON BEHIND TO ASSIST THE RAJA.


MEANWHILE AT CALICUT—
THE FIRANGEES ARE DANGEROUS PEOPLE. THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GAIN A FOOTHOLD ON OUR LAND.

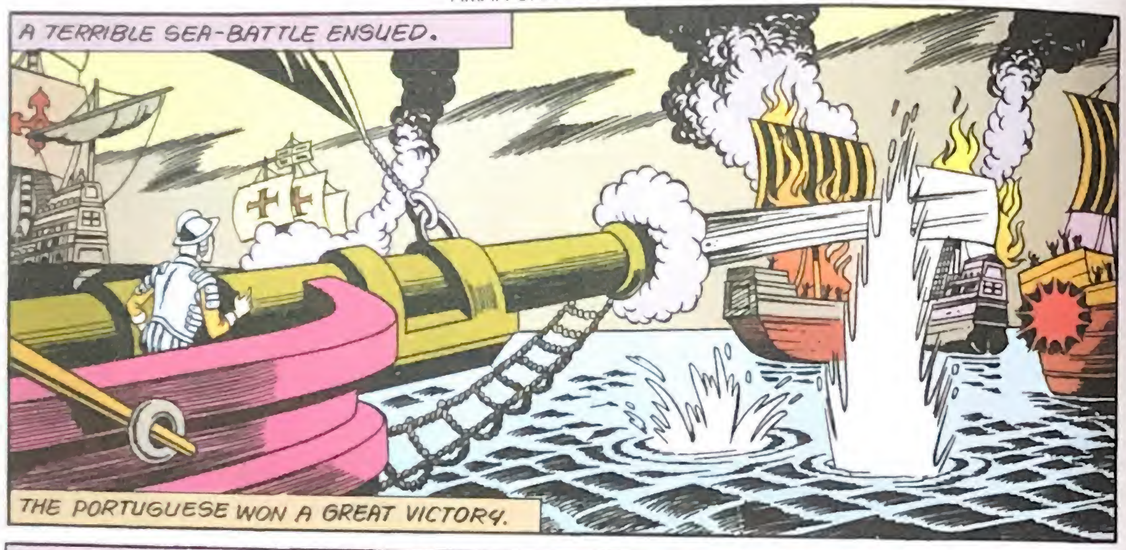
SEND A MESSAGE TO THE RAJA TO SURRENDER ALL THE FIRANGEES.

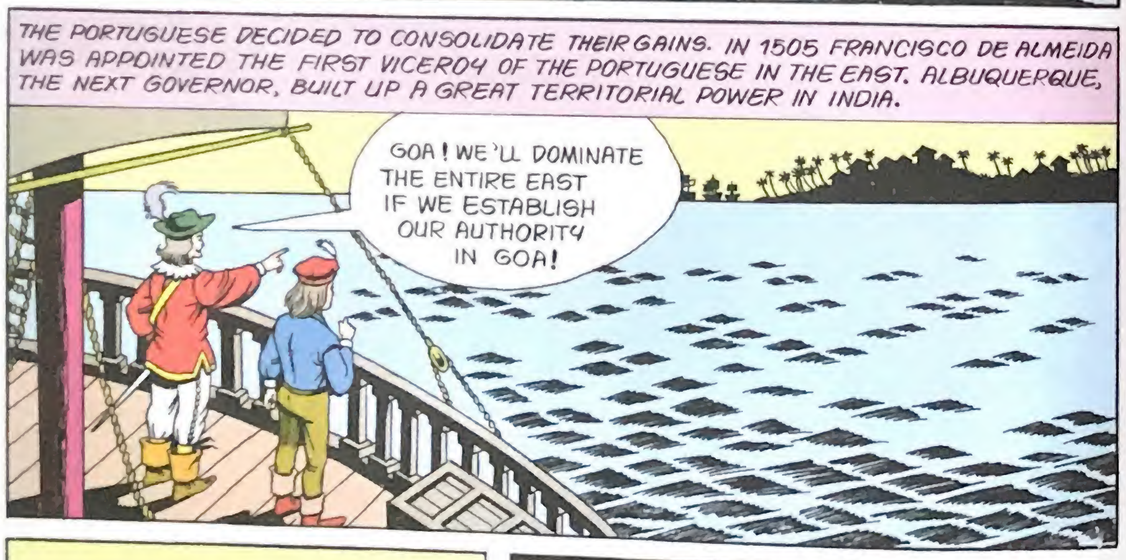

BACKED BY THE PORTUGUESE, THE RAJA REFUSED TO OBLIGE THE ZAMORIN. IN THE NAVAL BATTLE THAT FOLLOWED...

...THE ZAMORIN COULD NOT FORCE A DECISIVE VICTORY. THEN THE MONSOON BROKE OUT.
WE HAVE TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS DURING THE MONSOON.


THE ZAMORIN CONTINUED HIS EFFORTS TO BUILD RESISTANCE TO THE PORTUGUESE.
THE MAMELUKE OF EGYPT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW ENTRY OF THE FIRANGEES INTO OUR TERRITORY. HE HAS PROMISED ALL HIS STRENGTH TO FIGHT THE PORTUGUESE, O ZAMORIN.

MY MEN ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT TO THROW THE INVADER OUT!
MAY ALLAH BE WITH THEM!





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